IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims with their status in parentheses.

1. (currently amended) An igniter comprising:

an igniter body, said igniter body provided with a liquefied gas reservoir, and said igniter body having a holding portion;

a rod-like extension which extends from the igniter body ~~and has a flame port~~ for ejecting gas flame ~~therethrough on the leading end thereof~~, said rod-like extension having a base portion, said base portion supported for rotation on said holding portion;

a lock lever for locking the igniting action, said lock lever capable of engaging said base portion of said rod-like extension to interfere with the rotation of said rod-like extension when the lock lever is operated to release the lock; wherein

~~the base portion of~~ the rod-like extension ~~is supported for rotation~~ rotates with respect to the igniter body so that the angle made between the igniter body and the rod-like extension can be changed to change the direction of the flame port in a free state and locked when the igniting action is to be done.

2. (currently amended) An igniter as defined in Claim 1, in which said base portion of the rod-like extension ~~having~~ has a ring portion ~~is inserted for rotation into~~ a that rotates about an annular guide portion of said holding portion of the igniter body ~~having an annular guide portion~~ so that the angle made between the igniter body and the rod-like extension can be changed in a free state.

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) An igniter as defined in Claim [[3]] 1, in which a part of the lock lever interferes with a part of the rod-like extension, when the lock lever is operated to release the lock, to fix the angle between the igniter body and the rod-like extension.

5. (previously amended) An igniter as defined in Claim 1 or 2 further comprising a tension member, which urges the rod-like extension to one direction with respect to the igniter body.

6. (currently amended) An igniter comprising:

an igniter body, said igniter body provided with a liquefied gas reservoir, and

a rod-like extension which extends from the igniter body and has a flame port ejecting gas flame therethrough on the leading end thereof, wherein

the base portion of the rod-like extension is supported for rotation with respect to the igniter body, and the rod-like extension is balanced ~~in~~ by weights positioned on the ring portion ~~of the front part and the rear part~~ thereof opposite to each other, with the center of rotation of the rod-like extension intervening therebetween such that said rod-like extension is ~~to be~~ held horizontal in a free state~~, and a mechanism for preventing the rotation of the rod-like extension is further provided~~.

7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) An igniter as defined in Claim [[7]] 6, ~~in which the~~ having a mechanism for preventing the rotation of the rod-like extension ~~comprises~~ comprising a lock lever, which interferes with a part of the base portion of the rod-like extension to prevent rotation thereof.

9. (previously amended) An igniter as defined in Claim 8, in which the lock lever locks the igniting action of the rod-like extension in a free state.